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THE REMODELED HOME FOR SAILORS, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

As our readers were reminded in the last number of the MAGAZINE, at the FIFTIETH anniversary of the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY held at the Broadway Tabernacle in New York, May 6th, 1878, "in recognition of the Divine goodness through all its history, and in commemoration of its Semi-Centenary," the Society's Board of Trustees were instructed to arrange for remodeling and enlarging their SAILORS' HOME.

The action thus taken, looking as it did to the thorough renovation of the building at 190 Cherry St., was no less needful than appropriate. In the progress of years since the opening of the Home in May, 1842, an edifice whose provisions for seamen were at that time most ample and commodious, had fallen behind those requirements as to convenience, comfort and cheer, which are due in our day, from those who would minister to sailors in such matters, and to which very many of them now feel that they are justly entitled, in return for their expenditure for board and lodging while on shore. And, to those who rightly gauge the advancement of the sailor under the Christian and reformatory influences which have operated upon him for the last half century, few things are more apparent than the truth that as he grows towards the sense of equal manhood with his fellows in the human family, so does he make demand for that to which he is entitled, in every befitting direction.

The Trustees of the Society, therefore, in making their new Sailors' Home,—for new it virtually is, albeit a remodeling and renovation of the old one,—what it is to-day,—have only kept abreast of the spirit of the age, and met the demands of the class of men for whose welfare in all respects, the Society was organized, and for whom it has so long prosecuted its work. They have made nothing "too good" for the sailor, while in the judgment of those competent to decide, they have now put the HOME upon a footing where it may be reckoned as unsurpassed, if indeed it be equalled in its adaptations and conveniences by any similar building in the world.

The Home Building Committee, from our Board of Trustees, has consisted of Messrs. FREDERICK STURGES, REUBEN W. ROPES, JOHN DWIGHT, HENRY A. HURLBURT, and JAMES W. ELWELL. The architect whose plans they have carried into execution in the changes of the building is Mr. J. C. CADY of New York. And all parties, architect, committee and Society, with the wider circle of philanthropic persons in this and every community who care for "Jack's" welfare, are to be congratulated upon the results secured in the completion of the work these gentlemen have had in hand.

The engravings whose aid we bring into play, in this article, will greatly assist our readers in the comprehension of what has been done with the old Home. These have been prepared for us by the AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY, from the designs and under the personal care of Mr. WHITNEY, their artist, whose great skill in his line of labor is too well known to call for anything beyond mention. The first, which appears on our next page, gives a fair view of the present front of the building, which has been quite reconstructed. Mr. Cady has here taken for his type, as befitting the locality of the Home, the early and rather Dutch architecture of the city, working into it, however, the conveniences and improvements of this generation. The basement is of granite, and carries heavy granite columns, supporting the rest of the front. The space on the main floor back of the columns is tiled, and affords a place for the sailors to sit, walk or chat. This is walled, on the back, with buff brick, making it light and cheerful. The front wall is of Philadelphia brick (Peerless) with ornamental portions of moulded bricks and *terra cotta*. The upper part of the front rises in a lofty scroll-stepped gable, flanked by marine statuary on either side, and is surmounted by a flagstaff. The roof is of red tiles. Wrought iron balconies relieve and decorate the front at various points. The whole front is 50 feet wide on Cherry St., and the depth of the lot is nearly 200 feet. A portion of the plot of ground, in area about 25x130 feet from the rear, on the south side, is reserved for a yard, making the



SAILORS' HOME IN NEW YORK—FRONT ELEVATION.

Home to consist of a main front building, say 50x50 feet, with an extension running to the back of the lot, 25x130 feet in extent.

The visitor desirous of familiarity with the improvements and present capacities of the Home, entering at the basement, finds upon his left hand, and in the basement of the main building, (the sub-cellars being underneath) a spacious store for the sale of sailors' outfits, and a baggage room, with lift running to the top of the building, six stories in height, above him. On his right is the great kitchen, with a No. 6 Knickerbocker Range from P. ROLLHAUS & Co., New York, 6 feet 7 inches in length. This room is fitted with tea, coffee and water boilers,



SAILORS' HOME IN NEW YORK—THE DINING-ROOM.

etc., of the latest and best patterns, the latter as well as all the steam-heating apparatus of the Home supplied from a separate engine-house and boiler in the yard, by Messrs. WYLLYS H. WARNER & Co., of this city. Here are the needful pantries and store-rooms, with steam pipes wherever requisite. Passing back on the same (basement) floor, and coming to the extension, the visitor enters the dining-room, 100x22 feet, with accommodations for 250 persons, in the rear of which is the laundry. We present a picture of the dining-room which we are sure will convey to our friends the impression that here, and in the right way, even the sailor will "take mine ease in mine inn."

Ascending to the first floor, and starting at the front of the main building, we have on the right of the hallway the business office of the Home. This has been admirably arranged for its special purposes, and here the weary sailor in the future, and we hope, for a long time to come, will be greeted after his voyage and on his arrival in port, by Mr. B. F. PINKHAM, for years past, Superintendent's Clerk. A notable fitting here, is a new safe, appropriately labelled, from the manufactory of S. C. HERRING & Co., of this city. In the rear of this office is a



SAILORS' HOME IN NEW YORK—BUSINESS OFFICE.

convenient reception room, for use by sailors in receiving friends, family or other, with whom they may wish to have social intercourse. Across the hall on this floor and at the front of the main building, is the smoking-room, with seating capacity for twenty-four occupants.

Proceeding to the extension, through a wide doorway, one passes to the reading-room, 60x22 feet, of which Mr. Whitney has given us a view that is exceedingly attractive, as well as truthful. In the rear of the

reading-room, and on the floor with it, is the chapel, 45x22 feet, neatly fitted for 125 persons. The walls are ornamented with appropriate Scripture mottoes, and a fine cabinet organ stands by the side of the platform at the western end of the room. Passing from the chapel, a small room is found behind it, which has been reserved for the possible opening of a School of Navigation, to which the inmates of the Home shall have access under such regulations as may seem to be wise.

Ascending to the second floor, in the front of the main building are the family apartments of Mr. FREDERICK ALEXANDER, the efficient



SAILORS' HOME IN NEW YORK—READING-ROOM.

Lessee of the Home since 1869, with appropriate bath and wash-rooms, closets, etc. In the extension and running to the rear of the building, one reaches for the first time the bed-rooms for sailor-boarders, whose windows, one or more in each, open upon this and all the floors above it, to the air, with a clear southern exposure. In the long halls at their north side, on every floor, are two clusters of steam pipes, by which both halls and rooms are fully heated. The size of the rooms is, on the average, 16x8 feet, and there are about 120 of them in all. They are uncarpeted. Each one is furnished with its iron bedstead,

(supplied with the Hartford Wire Mattress and bedding of excellent quality) of ample width for one person,—one or two chairs, a small bureau, looking glass, and hooks on the walls for clothing. In a few of the largest rooms two beds are placed, but this infrequently. The most interesting of them all are the two allotted to Mr. C. A. BORELLA, the resident missionary at the Home, who has long been permitted to do his good work for seamen's souls at the Institution. One of them will henceforth be known as the "prayer-room," and will make the place where this faithful servant of Christ shall daily gather knots of sailors in personal religious conversation and in petition to God. The highest boon which his and the sailors' friends can ask in connection with it, is that this room shall be hallowed as Mr. Borella's was, within the old Home,—by the continuous outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The last of our engravings is the picture of an interior of these

bed-rooms. Larger rooms than those which have been described are found on the third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors, in the main building, for use by captains and officers of vessels, staying at the Home.

It is on this second floor, at the rear of the main building, as well as through the hall of the extension, upon the second floor, and those above it, in the corresponding localities,—that the great changes produced in the building by the profuse introduction of light and air in the execution of



SAILORS' HOME IN NEW YORK—A BED-ROOM.

the architect's plans, is best apparent. To be fully appreciated one must not only experience the amplitude of light and ventilation now secured, but be able to contrast it, by personal recollection, with what was, before, in the old building, in these respects. The halls and stairways in the main building, as now arranged, are spacious, and the main stairway occupies a large square area, each flight being broken into three divisions, with broad landings, and great windows opening to

the south and west, while a large skylight surmounts the whole. Two smaller wells, with a like skylight, pierce the extension from the roof to the second floor, and supply the same abundance of air and light to that and every floor above it.

The remaining floors (third, fourth, fifth and sixth) are devoted, throughout, both in the main building and extension, to dormitories for the occupants. Five rooms on each of them are 25x8 feet in dimensions, and some of them are double-bedded. On the upper floor (main building) is the tank which supplies water to the Home, of a capacity of five tons, and ordinarily it will be refilled nightly. The roof of main building and extension is raised, for ventilation, four feet above the uppermost ceilings. The plumbing at the Home occupies a section of the main building, in its north-east corner, commencing, for the most part, upon the second floor,—the ample bath-rooms, sinks and closets to be found on this and every floor above it, being fully ventilated, and very complete in every way. This branch of the work was entrusted to Mr. JAMES ARMSTRONG of Brooklyn, N. Y., under the care of Mr. Cady, who has served alike as Designing and as Supervising Architect. The mason work has been done by Messrs. W. & T. LAMB of this city; the carpenter was Mr. E. SNEDEKER of Brooklyn, and his Superintendent in charge, Mr. R. M. TRYON. It will not abate the interest of our readers, to know that the latter was, for years, a sailor. The exterior of the Home, save its front, of Philadelphia brick, is painted in light buff, and all the inside walls in buff or gray,—the painting being done by Mr. W. NORTHRIDGE of Brooklyn. Messrs. J. & W. MASON of this city have supplied all new furniture for the outfit of the Home, and Mr. H. P. WILLIAMS, also of New York, the bedding. Gas fixtures were put in through the building by Messrs. G. H. KITCHEN & Co., of this city.

Only a few words need be added to convey an adequate idea of this beautiful edifice. A great thought of Mr. Cady, in its remodeling, and right nobly has it been carried out,—was to devise and perfect those plans which should give the greatest amount of sunshine and cheer for the interior, as well as the best ventilation. Accordingly every one of its apartments has a window or windows opening out of doors, and four-fifths of the rooms have a southern or south-eastern exposure, making the building both healthful and cheerful. In these, and in all respects, the Home now seems to be precisely what the many seamen who are always to be found in our harbor, need, and have a right to ask for,—precisely what it ought to be, to be an honor to the community in which it is found, and we would fain hope, a credit to the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

It is not out of place, in concluding this article, to quote the words of Mr. ARCHIBALD, long the British Consul in New York, spoken at the opening of the Home on the 21st January, and congratulate seamen and their friends in our own land and the world, upon them. He said:—"I have visited many homes for seamen in other countries, but I have never seen any one to equal in comfort and convenience that in which we now are." We believe his words to be the sober utterance of truth: and for the fact they declare, we give thanks to Almighty God, who in a real sense, we are certain, has "built this house" for those who "go down to the sea in ships, and do business upon the great waters."

THE RE-OPENING OF OUR NEW YORK SAILORS' HOME.

The re-opening of the remodeled Home in Cherry Street for boarders, in the third week of January, was preceded by an invited gathering of the patrons of the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, with its officers, and others, at the new building, on the 21st. The day was of the finest, interposed, by a good providence, between two others which were stormy and dull,—and the attendance was all that could have been reasonably desired, both as to numbers and in the high standing and character of those who were present. After some time spent in inspecting the building, the guests assembled in the chapel, on the first floor, which, with the reading-room was beautifully ornamented with flowers, at 2 p. m.,—with RICHARD P. BUCK, Esq., the SOCIETY'S *President*, in the chair. Among those gathered were Messrs. WILLIAM A. BOOTH, HORACE GRAY, REUBEN W. ROPES, HENRY A. HURLBURT, JOHN DWIGHT, ENOS N. TAFT, CALEB B. KNEVALS, FREDERICK STURGES, WILLIAM C. STURGES, WILLIAM MATHEWS, and CHARLES F. HARDY, with Capt. B. GHERARDI, U. S. N., and Capt. DAVID GILLESPIE, as well as Rev. Drs. E. D. G. PRIME, JOHN SPAULDING, and J. E. ROCKWELL, of the Society's Board of Trustees; the Rev. Dr. SAMUEL H. HALL its *Corresponding Secretary*, L. P. HUBBARD, Esq., its *Financial Agent*, the Revs. E. O. BATES and H. H. MCFARLAND, of the Society, the Lessee of the Home, Mr. FREDERICK ALEXANDER,—its missionaries, Messrs. BORELLA and SMITH,—Mr. F. H. STANLEY, colporteur of the American Tract Society, Messrs. E. M. ARCHIBALD, H. B. M. Consul at New York, WILLIAM E. DODGE, Esq., Capt. C. C. DUNCAN, U. S. Shipping Commissioner at New York, the Rev. Dr. L. D. BEVAN, of New York, GEO. W. LANE, Esq., President of the New York Port Society, and Rev. E. D. MURPHY of the same organization, Rev.

CHARLES J. JONES, Chaplain Sailor's Snug Harbor on Staten Island, Rev. R. J. WALKER of the New York Episcopal Seamen's Mission, Rev. T. D. WILLIAMS, the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY'S Missionary at the Brooklyn, N. Y., U. S. Navy Yard, Capt. RICHARD LUCE of New York, Rev. A. P. STOCKWELL and Mr. JOHN J. LAKE of Gravesend, L. I., and "of devout women, not a few."

Letters were received in response to invitations to be present, from Commander J. W. NICHOLSON of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, also from Rev. Dr. JOHN HALL, Rev. Dr. H. C. POTTER, Rev. Dr. HOWARD CROSBY, Rev. Dr. C. S. ROBINSON, and Rev. Dr. E. N. WHITE, of New York, with Rev. Drs. T. L. CUYLER and H. M. SCUDDER of Brooklyn.

The public exercises were opened by the audience singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name,"—Mr. C. H. JONES of Staten Island leading at the organ, and then President BUCK spoke, saying in substance:—

"*My Friends:*—We have come together to invoke the blessing of God upon this SAILORS' HOME. We who have been interested in it, have long looked forward, either to the erection of a new Home, or to the refitting of this one. Our hope has been to make a comfortable building,—not only a comfortable Home for the seaman, in supplying his material necessities, but a religious Home, with Gospel and missionary influences pervading it.

We have now, as you see, really made a new thing out of an old one, and I am sure that you all, as I am, are grateful to God for our success. We propose to have an informal meeting this afternoon, in the effort to dedicate this house to God and to the sailor."

Rev. Dr. S. H. HALL, the Society's Secretary and Treasurer then read the following statement:—

In a carefully prepared "Chronology of the Seamen's Cause in the Port of New York," published in the SAILORS' MAGAZINE for August, 1853, the following steps or stages in the development of this Christian philanthropy are significantly given, viz:

1816, Dec. 20th.—The first religious meeting *ever held in America* for the special benefit of sailors, was assembled at No. 37 Cherry Street, when the Rev. WARD STAFFORD preached a sermon on the subject.

1817, Feb. 12th.—A meeting of merchants and ship masters was held at the house of Capt. CHRISTOPHER PRINCE, to take into consideration the project of forming a MARINE BIBLE SOCIETY, which socially, was subsequently organized at a public meeting held at the City Hotel, March 14th, 1817.

1818, June 5th.—"The Society for promoting the Gospel among Seamen in the Port of New York was organized," the same being incorporated the following year.

1819, Oct. 14th.—The corner-stone of the Mariner's Church, Roosevelt St., was laid. The house was completed and dedicated June 4th, 1820, and was the first edifice of the kind in the world.

1825, Jan. 11th.—The AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY was organized, the Board, however, suspending all operations, until May 5th, 1828, when a reorganization took place, the Hon. SMITH THOMPSON of New York, then Secretary of the

Navy, having been elected as *President*, and the Rev. CHARLES P. (subsequently Bishop) MCILVAINE as *Corresponding Secretary*. The Society was incorporated by the Legislature of New York, April 29th, 1833. It published the first number of its monthly, THE SAILORS' MAGAZINE, now in its 52nd year, in the following September; and on the 13th of October, 1829, sent forth the Rev. DAVID ABEEL, its first Foreign Seamen's Chaplain, who sailed (in the ship *Roman*, Capt. Lavender,) for Canton, the scene of his future and eminently successful labors.

The next noticeable event in this line of development, was the establishing of a SAILORS' HOME, imperatively called for, by the shockingly wretched and perilous condition of things among seamen in the port. The first (of but limited capacity,) opened October 10th, 1837, at 140 Cherry Street, was kept by Capt. ROLAND GELSTON, who within a couple of years thereafter, found himself called to open another, which, at the corner of James Slip and Water Street, was likewise crowded with boarders, and in every way eminently successful.

These were both under the direction of the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, which also had a Home for Colored Seamen, in John Street, opened in Nov. 1839, and usefully kept there and elsewhere by Mr. WM. P. POWELL, for several years.

The Sailors' Home, 190 Cherry Street, which the building we re-enter to-day succeeds, and practically displaces,—was begun Oct. 14th, 1841, when the Rev. Dr. MILNOR—of sainted memory—laid the corner-stone, with appropriate and eloquent addresses on the occasion, by the Hon. THOS. BUTLER KING of Georgia, and by the Rev. SPENCER H. CONE, D. D., and the Hon. OGDEN HOFFMAN, of New York.

It was opened, (to be kept on strictly temperance principles and with daily family worship,) for its philanthropic and Christian uses, in the following Spring, May 2nd, 1842, and for the thirty-seven years that have since transpired, it has stood a monument to the practical wisdom of its founders, proving itself an incalculable blessing to those for whose good it was specially intended.

Since its opening, and up to May last, when it was surrendered to contractors, the Home, during the successive administrations of Cpts. Gelston, Richardson Walford, Sayre, Tracy, Cassidy, and the present efficient lessee, Capt. Alexander, had accommodated as boarders, 95,189 seamen of all nationalities, had received for temporary safe keeping, and returned to depositors or transmitted to friends, over \$1,500,000 of their hard earned wages, had sheltered and ministered to great numbers of shipwrecked and destitute sailors until they were fitted for sea again or otherwise provided for,—and in kindred ways had steadily pursued its beneficent mission.

After such protracted and exhaustive service, as can readily be imagined, a building that had endured so long, with but an occasional (and never with a very thorough) refitting, must at last wear out and give way; and so the anticipated time, when something would have to be done in the way of replacing it, to continue its recognized usefulness at last arrived. Accordingly on the occasion of the FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, held in the Broadway Tabernacle, May 6th, 1878, "in recognition of the Divine goodness through all its history, and in practical commemoration of its SEMI-CENTENARY," the Trustees, by unanimous vote, were instructed to this end "to arrange for remodeling and enlarging their Sailors' Home. This was eminently called for, and now seemed the time to do it.

The work thus assigned them, the Trustees, with Messrs. Frederick Sturges, Reuben W. Ropes, Henry A. Hurlbut, John Dwight, and Mr. Jas. W. Elwell, for a Building Committee, promptly entered upon: and after mature deliberation elected from among many, and adopted the carefully prepared and satisfactory plans submitted by Mr. J. C. CADY, under whose immediate oversight and direction as supervising architect, the work has been thoroughly completed, as it is shown to-day, to the inspection and favor of the friends of seamen, to the patrons of the Society, and to a generous Christian public.

As to the Architect's success, we think there can be but a single opinion. His happy conception of what a model Home should be, he has practically realized; and in the plain but substantial and admirably appointed light and cheerful building provided, with its economical and sanitary arrangements, and with its conveniences for the comfort of the sailor temporarily sojourning herein, he certainly merits our consideration, our commendation, and our thanks.

Secretary Hall here introduced statistics, the substance of which is incorporated in the opening article of this MAGAZINE, and then continued:—

Of the Officers of the Society, who thirty-eight years ago, participated in the structure and dedication of the original Sailors' Home—with a single exception—none remain. The President, eighteen Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and a board of eighteen Directors, all—all have passed away. Of that honorable company, only the dear and venerable Dr. Spaulding, then the Financial Secretary is left among us, honored and esteemed by all!

His associate for several years, and one of the Secretaries of the Society from 1844 to 1870, and latterly a member of the Board of Trustees—the Rev. HARMON LOOMIS, D. D., who planned and expected to be with us to-day, has just been suddenly removed. He died on Monday night, and is not, for God has taken him. There is a lesson taught us in the review we have made, and in the events of the hour which we may wisely and should seriously consider!

Soon, the places that now know us, will know us no more forever. Surely does it behoove us to be faithful to the trust committed to us, the voice we hear saying to each one—"What thy hand findeth to do"—to do for God and for humanity—"do it with thy might!"

We enter this re-opened Home, not only with a sense of gratitude to Him who hath helped us hitherto, but also with a quickened and deepened sense of new and greater responsibilities.

Thousands from the seas have here received the Word and rejoiced therein. Thousands more, coming and going, going and coming, like the tides, will here receive it.

Thousands of shipwrecked and destitute rescued seamen have been provided for here: thousands will come asking our sympathy and aid!

Thousands here in connection with Chapel and Missionary services have been hopefully converted to God; thousands are yet to come—the full trophy of the Savior's love, the purchase of His redemption!

Thousands are sailing to-day out on the oceans of the world who have registered as guests of the Home; and thousands with them, mothers and wives and kindred, are lifting their prayers to-day for the blessing of God on this new gift of Christian charity — this re-opened Christian Home!

May He who thus far as by a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, has led us in all our past, graciously accept this memorial of His goodness, and ever go before us in the work He has set us, in the work which He expects us to do!

President BUCK then called upon Rev. Dr. JOHN SPAULDING to lead the assembly in prayer. Dr. Spaulding, before complying, made a few remarks, in which he said:—

"Thirty-eight years ago last October, the corner-stone of the SAILORS' HOME was laid; and thirty-seven years ago last May it was opened. The stone was laid, and the house opened with prayer, and predictions of good. It was my privilege to be present and share in the gladness and hopeful faith of those occasions, and so far as I know, this was the privilege of but one other person present here to-day, Mr. L. P. HUBBARD. But we had not faith enough to predict that in these years over ninety-five thousand seamen would here find the protection, the comforts, and elevating influences of a Christian Home: that a million and a half of their hard earned dollars would here be deposited for safe-keeping, and returned to the depositors or transmitted to their friends: that in each of these years the shipwrecked and destitute in so large numbers would here be received, be refitted for another voyage, sent to the Hospital, or home to their friends: that sailors by thousands instead of hundreds would take and keep the strict temperance pledge; and above all, and better than all, that scores of them would under this roof be scripturally converted to God!"

Our faith was not large enough to forecast, and embrace all this. But now our faith is turned into sight, "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen." Of all the Life Saving Stations on our coast, or on any other coast, what one of them,—nay what ten of them have done a more humane, Christian, and saving work than this SAILORS' HOME!"

Rev. Dr. Spaulding also made touching reference to the sudden decease (January 19th) of the Rev. HARMON LOOMIS, of the Society's Board of Trustees, who had planned to be at this meeting, and in the prayer commended the afflicted family to the helpful love of a Heavenly Father. At its close, the meeting being thrown open for general remark, Rev. Dr. EDWARD HOPPER of the Church of Sea and Land in New York City, said:—

"Rev. Dr. Spaulding was in error in saying that he and Mr. Hubbard were the only persons present here to-day, who witnessed the laying of the corner-stone of this SAILORS' HOME in October, 1841, for I came here, then, to hear, and I did hear OGDEN HOFFMAN deliver a most wonderful speech. And I also heard, then, the converted actor, Rev. SPENCER H. CONE, for a long time the pastor of the First Baptist Church, then in Elizabeth Street, in this city."

Dr. Hopper continued in a strain of reminiscence, and then expressed his satisfaction as pastor of the Church of the Sea and Land in Market St., with the work and with the proximity to his church of the Home. He said it was impossible to give character to any man until you give him a Home. "It is so with the sailor, just as really as with others." He concluded by referring to the ameliorating influence of a Christian woman, as illustrated for years past, in the effect wrought upon the sailors at this Home, by Mrs. ALEXANDER, the wife of its Lessee.

The Rev. Dr. J. E. ROCKWELL said that reference had been made to the sending out of Rev. DAVID ABEEL, as the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY's first missionary, in 1829. He recollects the coming of that devoted man to his father's house, as also that of Rev. JONATHAN GREENLEAF, of sainted memory, in connection with a presentation of the Seamen's cause. Ever since those days his heart had been increasingly warm toward the men of the sea. He dwelt upon the need of such a Home as this, for seamen, and closed by saying:—"Let us thank God and take courage" for the example we have been enabled to afford to other cities, in its erection.

President BUCK then spoke of his own acquaintances in New York, when he came to the city. Among them was one of the Elders of the then old Brick Church,—Rev. Dr. GARDNER SPRING's. He expressed his pleasure, that although the Rev. Dr. Spring had been taken to his Heavenly home, he now had the pleasure of seeing before him Rev. Dr. LEWELLYN D. BEVAN, the Dr's successor in the Brick Church pastorate, and invited him to address the assembly.

Rev. Dr. BEVAN said that although he had been in New York for three years, it was not until to-day that he had found out the Sailors' Home. He was greatly pleased however, to know it now. He spoke of his knowledge of and love for Christian work for sailors in London, and bore testimony to the impressibility of sailors to the healthful influences of good women. He emphasized the indebtedness of this and of all communities, to seamen. So far as it was acknowledged, he added that the fact of its recognition came from the spirit of Christianity, and not from that of Science or from any of the "philosophies" of our day and generation. "When so magnificent a tribute to the value of the sailor's services to his fellow man, as that in which we are gathered to-day, shall have been erected by the devotees of such science and philosophy, apart from the Christianity of the age, then shall I fear for Christianity itself. But the time for that is a long way off." He forecast a greater future, in the provision of other Homes like this, for the men of the sea, in the port of New York.

GEORGE W. LANE, Esq., President of the N. Y. Port Society was called upon and said it was a great thing for the sailor to have such a HOME as this, in such a city as ours. He alluded to the work of women for the salvation of sailor's souls, in connection with his own Society, and called on the Rev. E. D. MURPHY, who gave farther testimony in the same direction.

The chairman next introduced Mr. E. M. ARCHIBALD, H. B. M. Consul in this port, who said in substance, that he was no stranger to this SAILORS' HOME, or to seamen. For years past, he had been enjoying its advantages.

"I know," he continued, "the virtues of sailors, and I know their deficiencies. In a community like this, it is to such a place as this that we must look for their improvement. In this city the sailor is a prey to many who, under the guise of

benevolence, deprive him of his earnings, and it is to such an Institution as this that we must look for the means of rescuing him and building him up spiritually and making him a useful member of society. In regard to this Institution itself, I am delighted to see how admirably the alterations have been carried out. I have visited many homes for seamen in other countries, but have never seen any one to equal in comfort, and convenience, that in which we now are. I think there ought to be a much larger one in this city."

Mr. Archibald, in farther remark, bore testimony to the good work which he knew was done at the Home by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander. "If now," he continued, "it can be extended, it will be one of the greatest blessings which can come to this or to any community." He sat down after expressing his great satisfaction at being present.

Mr. Archibald was succeeded by Capt. B. GHERARDI, U. S. N. He had followed the sea, he said, for thirty-three years, and felt confident to speak of the improvement in the character of seamen during that period. He valued such a place as this Home as it secured this improvement in three things:—1st it gave to seamen a *Home*;—2nd, it provided for them a *Temperance Home*, and 3rd, it is, to them, a *Church*. Of the improvement among sailors, he felt sure, from his present position at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where he is continually enlisting men for the naval service. Man after man comes to him now, not calling for a new outfit at his enlistment, but having all the clothes he needs, in good condition; his "kit" as he calls it, in his possession. This is vastly different from the old times and ways, in which "Jack" came to such an officer, almost invariably, with money spent and all proper clothes gone, and had to draw largely in advance for necessaries. He spoke with great earnestness of the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY's work in all directions for the benefit of seamen.

Rev. CHARLES J. JONES, chaplain of the Sailors' Snug Harbor on Staten Island, being introduced, referred to personal memories awakened by the remarks of preceding speakers. He himself had served nine and a half years on British naval and mercantile vessels, and he owed everything to the Sailors' Home. In 1840, after a long series of unsuccessful attempts, he found his way that one in New York, then kept by Capt. GELSTON, and was greatly blessed in his soul by his experiences there. Leaving reminiscence, Rev. Mr. Jones gave farther witness to his personal knowledge of the hallowed and wide-spread influences that had gone forth from the Missionary's room at the Home, for the glory of Jesus Christ and for the good of souls. He dwelt especially upon the marvelous history of the great Sailors' Revival at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn, in 1849, which took root in a prayer-meeting started by a single sailor named Morris, who had been an inmate of the Home. Many sailors were converted; in groups and singly

they went out all over the world, from that revival, to preach Christ in consecrated and in sanctified lives. A great amount of correspondence from and with them, now in his possession, attests this. He spoke of the multiplication of these Homes over the world by the agency of some of these very men; instancing that at Honolulu, S. I., now kept by EDWARD DUNSCOMBE, converted in the movement on the U. S. Ship *North Carolina*, which he had described, and he urged the great importance of the sailor's part in bringing the world to the Savior's feet, when he has himself been led there, "clothed and in his right mind."

Hon. WILLIAM E. DODGE then expressed his joy at what he had seen of the new Home and extended his congratulations upon its transformation. This was a work, he added, in which he had always been interested,—preaching the gospel to the men of the sea.

Mr. Dodge was followed by Rev. R. J. WALKER of the N. Y. Episcopal Seamen's Mission, who made the most interesting statements concerning his own conversion, his arrival in New York from Ireland, and the noble work which he had been permitted to do for sailors, in this city for years past. He also bore the heartiest testimony to the value and to the work of the Society's HOME.

Rev. E. D. G. PRIME, D. D., was the last speaker. He spoke of the wide spiritual work now going on among seamen in the city and in the world, as a part of the advancement of the kingdom of Christ among men, and asked the prayers of all Christian people for this Institution now really dedicated to the cause of God and man. He regarded nothing as a greater evidence of the divine origin of the Christian religion, than the change, taking place, in our day, in the hearts of seamen as they are brought to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." The work goes on everywhere. It is not merely found in mariners' churches, not merely in sailors' homes, but out on the sea, in vessels and in harbors, all over the globe. Again he besought prayer, faithful and continuous for this HOME, and those "that go down to the sea in ships."

The Doxology "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," was then sung, and after the benediction, pronounced by Rev. E. D. MURPHY, the company present adjourned to a collation furnished by Mr. and Mrs. ALEXANDER, in the dining room below. Here nearly two hundred friends of the Society, and of the sailor, lingered awhile over the good things provided for them, and then separated, assured by what they had seen and heard that the occasion which had brought them together had made the day one on which the Seamen's Cause and the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY had made a good step forward, in the great city of New York.

"HE WAS NOT, FOR GOD TOOK HIM."

The Rev. HARMON LOOMIS, D. D., who began his service for seamen in connection with the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY as their chaplain at the port of New Orleans, La., in January, 1837, who was its Associate Corresponding Secretary from 1844-5 to 1870, and was one of its Trustees thence onward until his death, expired at his house in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday evening, January 19th, 1880, after a very brief attack of pneumonia, in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

The last public appearance of the Rev. Dr. Loomis was at a meeting of the Brooklyn Woman's Temperance Union, on the evening of January 13th, held in one of the theaters of that city. Here he experienced a chill which brought upon him a cold, that kept him within doors thereafter, but it was not until afternoon on the day of his decease that any apprehension was felt of a fatal termination of the disease; and of his departure from the world in which he had always been so busy, it may be said that it was,—

"As when a lamp is blown out by a gust of wind at a casement."

The Board of Trustees of our Society, at their meeting held January 28th, adopted the resolutions printed on a succeeding page of this MAGAZINE, which declare their sense of the value of that long service which Dr. Loomis rendered to the cause of the evangelization of the sailor. That was so great, however, and he who rendered it had filled so large a place in the esteem of its especial friends through many of the United States, especially in New England, that we are certain we shall only answer to the desires of our readers, if we set down here, at some length, the record of his funeral services. These were held on Thursday, January 22nd, at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, of which Dr. Loomis was a member, were conducted by Rev. Dr. T. L. CUYLER, his pastor, and were attended not only by many of his late associates in the Society to whose work he had mainly given his life, but by a large concourse of sympathetic and mourning friends who had known him, and had labored with him in various fields of christian activity. We are the more ready to do this, because the removal of this brother from our side on earth, has fallen on us with such sudden force that we, at this writing, can hardly trust ourselves to speak of him as we should desire to. A good man has departed. An honest and earnest workman has fallen. We can only now pray that more of the spirit with which he was accustomed to do his best work for the sailor, may, by God's blessing, come upon those of us who as yet remain at our posts.

Brief services having been held at the house, those at the church were commenced at 2 p. m. by Scripture reading, after which the hymn

"Jesus, lover of my soul," was sung by the congregation. We make no attempt to report the address of the Rev. Dr. Cuyler which then followed, *verbatim*, but we do seek to present its spirit and essence. He said, substantially:—

"We come together, my friends, brought here by a personal bereavement. A personal loss has happened to us, a personal sorrow calls us into this house. This church with whom we are gathered, and the whole church of the living God does, and will feel, this. For this life which has gone out, was a beautiful witness to JESUS CHRIST, all the way from its active commencement to the moment of our dear brother's transition to glory. He has gone there as a shock of corn falls when fully ripe, which the reaper gathers in, rounded and beautiful.

To me, let me say, and in this church,—Dr. Loomis was almost like a colleague in the work of the ministry, and a confidant in respect of very many things. And therefore, here to-day, I assure you I could well be silent, such is my own grief, if silence would not be treason to duty. This life began more than three score and ten years since. Our brother was a native of Vermont, the Green Mountain State, which produces noble men. He was born in the town of Georgia, near Lake Champlain, was educated at Burlington University, and afterwards at Andover and Princeton Theological Seminaries. Thence onward he gave his whole energies to the active service of Christ among men, and his hand never shrank from what he felt was his duty. He led a long life but he might naturally have looked for it to be longer. He came of good stock, physically, and we who knew him, know that his force, in this respect, was not abated. So confident was he himself of this, that even the day before he died, he said:—‘I shall not die but live and go on with my work. That is not done,—*and they are praying for me!*’

What a busy life it was, my friends! You in this church, and elsewhere, who remember his sermons, might well wonder, as you sometimes did, why he had not given himself to the steady work of a settled ministry and pastorate. Especially will some of you recall, among others, a single sermon preached in this pulpit, by him, on a sudden call, when the pastor was ill, that made many men unused to shed tears within the sanctuary, weep as they listened to it,—and was talked of for weeks after its delivery. Well may you wonder at the fact, I say, that he did not preach regularly, and in connection with a single charge. But Dr. Loomis always felt that he had another call in the Master's service than that, and so he gave the best thirty years of his life to the men of the sea, in connection with the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, whose President and many of whose officers come here to-day to honor his memory. And many others, on land and on sea, as they hear of his decease will recall his successful efforts to bring them into an ark of safety in Jesus Christ, from the storm of divine wrath, at sea.

His was indeed a beautiful record of personal labor for the souls of men. In this matter he was never idle. His pen, moreover,—that was always busy, in these later years, with the same exertion. His book, "The Land of Shadowing Wings," has in it some most delight-

ful and serviceable thoughts. How often, too, has he recently visited my study in this church, to talk of the last great idea which filled his soul,—the arrangement of the Bible in chronological order, that should easily allure and instruct all classes of men. How often did his voice ring out in yonder room for prayer! Day by day, too, he stood with this band of christian women, nay rather, year after year, he has been with them in their labor through this city, in the cause of temperance, cheering and helping them forward. For many Sabbath evenings just now past, he wrought with them, in the theater, to pluck brands from the burning, there, for the glory of the Lamb of God. It was only the other day, indeed, that he was stricken in this Christian labor. And now he is not.

Even this bare outline of his life among men, my friends, I am certain, justifies me in calling it a beautiful one. I need not dwell, at length, upon its characteristics; to you who knew him, they speak for themselves as you remember him. He was a sturdy Puritan Christian. He had a clear and distinct faith in every line of God's Word. His was a staunch allegiance to the doctrines and faith of the Fathers. He was never contaminated, never seduced by any vanity of this world, but all through the years, he just steadily gave himself more and more to the service of Christ. His was a really consecrated life, wherein the soul had laid itself on the altar, for sacrifice, keeping back nothing, but saying in all sincerity,—“here am I.”

Rev. Dr. Cuyler closed his tribute to the life and work of Dr. Loomis, by addressing those within the audience, and he said they were many,—to whom the deceased had been a comforter in their afflictions.

Rev. Dr. JOHN SPAULDING, co-Secretary of this Society, with Rev. Dr. LOOMIS, from 1844 to 1856, followed, saying:—

“There is a divine text, my friends, the reality of which our departed brother now sees very clearly. It is this:—‘*And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.*’ Yes,—rest after a long day of toil, unspeakably good after a faithful service of three score and ten years, unspeakably precious. The echo comes back from that world of rest, *unspeakably precious*.

And their works do follow them.—Yes, and do they not also go before them? How many of the seamen to whom our brother preached the Gospel of salvation in the long ago, in the city of New Orleans, reached the desired haven before him! How many savingly benefited by his earnest presentation of the same precious truths in numerous congregations, have gone to glory before him! How many sailors instrumentally saved by his direct and indirect pleas in their behalf, during the years of his connection with the American Seamen's Friend Society, entered the celestial city before him; and how many of all these awaited him in the gateway, to welcome him into the joy of their Lord, at eight o'clock, last Monday evening!

And then the works which are to follow! How many more, by the same, or similar means, are to follow him to the same everlasting rest! These questions we may not be able to answer till we also,—

"Shall see, and hear, and know,
All we desired or wished below:
And every thought find sweet employ,
In that eternal world of joy."

But this we now know, *Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord!* This we can say and sing with joyful confidence. The wife of his youth, and of his maturer years, now sitting solitary as a widow; and the children and grand children, and other related friends God has given them, can daily take up the gladdening refrain, *Blessed, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord?* And for your comfort let me add, God has opened for you sweeter and better fountains than ever welled up from the green mountains and hills of your husband and father's early home; better wells than Abraham digged and Isaac re-digged in the valley of Gerar; a better well than that of Jacob in Samaria, even *a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

Paul had been drinking at this fountain when he said, '*Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.*'

Here daily dip your cup, and your sorrow will be turned in joy; your trials into grateful thanksgivings!"

The congregation sang part of the hymn, a favorite of the Rev. Dr. Loomis,—

"Down life's dark vale we wander,—
Till Jesus comes,"—

and were led in prayer by Rev. Dr. CUYLER. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. SPAULDING, and the assembly then dispersed. Very rarely has it been our fortune to participate in like services so largely attended, where the sense of individual bereavement has seemed so generally to pervade those who were present.

The following is the action of the Board of Trustees, referred to on page 49.

"The Trustees of the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY are deeply pained to record the decease of one of their number, Rev. HARMON LOOMIS, D. D., who departed this life at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 19th inst.

"Dr. LOOMIS had devoted nearly the whole of his active ministry to the Cause of Seamen, serving as a Corresponding Secretary of this Society for twenty-five years, and with marked efficiency and success; the churches welcoming him as an eloquent advocate of its claims, and his discourses and addresses doing much to awaken widespread interest in its behalf.

"On resigning his office as Secretary, he was elected a Trustee, since which time he has rarely been absent from the meetings of the Board.

His last years were devoted to Christian labor in various forms, and it was while engaged in such work, that he contracted the disease which suddenly terminated his useful life.

"*Resolved* :—That the sympathy of the members of this Board be tendered to the family of our late associate, with an assurance of the great loss to which they have been called in the providence of God, and with the prayer that they may receive divine consolation in this sore bereavement."

Special—To Our Readers.

The MAGAZINE for this month is of such exceptional interest in its presentation of matters directly connected with work for seamen, that we feel certain no apology is requisite for the delay of a few days in its issue. It seemed eminently desirable that it should conserve the records which it does contain, in connection with the SAILORS' HOME, and the death of Rev. Dr. LOOMIS. The advices from our chaplains in Denmark and Oregon are also of such moment as to form, with the rest of its contents, a number of extraordinary value. Other missionary and general information as to our work, now in hand, is necessarily reserved until next month.

An Interesting History.

"Notes of Fifty Years' Efforts for the Welfare of Seamen," published by the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY in 1878, has the following, among other notices of the history of our Sailors' Home in New York. It will be seen that the provision of a suitable shelter and boarding place for sailors in this great city, was among the first objects which occupied the attention of the Board of Trustees. In the third year of the Society's existence, 1830-1, "a beginning was made towards providing funds for the erection of a house in New York City devoted to the interests of seamen. Besides furnishing board for them, it was contemplated to make it the center of all the societies and agencies operating in behalf of sailors. The sum of \$135 was contributed by a few persons, for this object."

Three years having passed, we find this farther record, in 1833-4. "Progress was made towards providing a building for the accommodation of the various agencies operating for seamen.

A liberal subscription was made, a site was selected and purchased, at the corner of John and Cliff Sts., \$9,000 paid, and the property mortgaged for the balance of \$10,000. But the commercial embarrassments of the times prevented an immediate completion of the undertaking.

In the eighth year of the Society's existence, 1835-6, the original plan for a house to accommodate the officers of Seamen's Institutions in New York City, was enlarged to embrace a HOME for the sailor also, and the sum of \$1,000 was subscribed by an individual (Mr. DANIEL FANSHAW, printer,) as a thank offering to the Lord, for the saving of his office from destruction by fire, for its erection, provided the requisite amount should be raised before the close of the year. This was at once undertaken, an additional lot of ground purchased, and a resolution was passed to erect the building as soon as practicable.

Time went by, and in 1837-8, although owing to pecuniary embarrassments and to other obstacles, the work of erecting

the contemplated building was deferred, it was resolved no longer to delay opening a boarding house for seamen. Accordingly the house, No. 140 Cherry Street, was leased, and opened for the reception of boarders under the direction of Captain R. GELSTON, on the 10th of October. Five hundred and thirty-nine seamen were accommodated after May 1838, of whom ninety signed the temperance pledge, and thirty-eight deposited, in the aggregate, \$2,000 in the Savings Bank, not one of whom had ever deposited a dollar before that time.

In 1840-1, such had been the success of the HOME in Cherry Street, that another Home was opened by the Society at the corner of James Slip and Water Street, also under the Superintendency of Capt. GELSTON. The property which had been purchased some years before for the purpose of erecting a building to be called the SAILOR'S HOME, and to contain various offices for the benefit of seamen, being thought unsuitable for the object, was sold, and the site of the present HOME, 190 Cherry Street, was purchased. A grant of \$10,000 was made by the State in aid of the proposed institution, and arrangements were made for the speedy erection of the building.

The year 1841-2 is to be remembered for the completion of the institution which for so many years had been in contemplation. The corner stone was laid October 14th, 1841, and the building was finished and ready for occupancy, the following spring. Captain and Superintendent GELSTON, who had kept the two boarding houses under direction of the Society, removed to the new Home, May 2nd, 1842, with two hundred and twenty boarders. The Rev. HENRY CHASE was present, and conducted family service on the first morning, and the house commenced its career of usefulness under the happiest auspices. Rev. Mr. CHASE was the second individual regularly engaged to devote time to Christian labor for seamen in the port of

New York, having been employed by the N. Y. Port Society in March, 1821. His predecessor in that work was the Rev. WARD STAFFORD, from the spring of 1818 to November, 1820.

In 1848-9, the Board of Trustees congratulated the friends of seamen on the increasing prosperity, and usefulness of the Institution. Capt. EDWARD RICHARDSON, to whose instrumentality the cause is largely indebted in various ways, renewed engagement as its Superintendent. Mr. ANSON G. PHELPS President of the Society, had exerted a leading agency in the establishment of the Home, and great good was accomplished by it. Many a homeless and friendless seaman, found here a home and friend, and what is more, was brought to the knowledge of the "better friend" above. The number of boarders for the year was 3,635, and for the seven years since its beginning 25,554.

In 1849-50, Capt. Richardson resigned his post as Superintendent, and was succeeded by Capt. MATTHEW SAYRE.

The next record shows that Capt. D. TRACY took charge of the Home, May 1st, 1853. The whole number of boarders from the beginning at the institution, was, May 1st, 1857, 50,096. In 1856, an interesting revival was enjoyed among the seamen boarding at the HOME, in connection with the several Bethels in the city.

The keeping of the Home passed from Capt. TRACY's hands, into those of Captains E. RICHARDSON and E. WALFORD, as Superintendents, in 1857-8. In 1858, (Dec. 1st,) having been thoroughly repaired, repainted and refurnished, with funds provided by New York merchants, it was re-opened under their charge. Ten hundred and sixty-three seamen signed the Temperance Pledge, there, and at the Mariners' Church.

Mr. JOHN H. CASSIDY next leased the Home, in 1861-2, for five years, and began to act as its Superintendent. The total of boarders for twenty years aggre-

gated 61,066; one hundred and ten men and boys were relieved during the year, and \$10,418 15 was put into bank or sent to friends, by the inmates.

In 1863-4, the labors of Mr. LUTHER P. HUBBARD, the Society's Financial Agent, were so prospered, that in April of the latter year, the long standing debt of \$15,000, which had rested upon the organization in connection with the ownership of the Home, was fully paid.

Two notable items set down in 1867-8, are that the Society expended at the Home this year, \$459 66 for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute seamen; and that twenty-seven conversions of sailors to Christ, were reported as occurring in connection with the meetings at the Institution.

In 1868-9, Mr. FREDERICK ALEXANDER, assumed the Superintendency of the Home, and has continued in the position up to the present time (January, 1880).

It is reported in 1870-1, that during the twenty-nine years of its existence, this one Home had now saved to seamen and their families, over one and a half million dollars,—nearly double the amount of money which had then been received into the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY's treasury for the support of all its operations.

In 1872-3, we find that the opening of the SEAMEN'S EXCHANGE had also greatly increased the business of the New York SAILORS' HOME, which accommodated this year, 2,828 boarders, the largest number in any one year since its opening. In 1874-5, it is noted that the best spiritual results were manifest in connection with religious labor at the Home, and the last record to be inserted fitly closes these reminiscences of the past, as it summarizes work at the Home for the final twelvemonth preceding the thorough and really splendid transformation which we especially and fully commemorate in the present number of the SAILORS' MAGAZINE. It is from the abstract of the Society's fifty-first (1878-9) Annual Report, presented last May.

"THE SAILORS' HOME, 190 Cherry St., has during the past year, accommodated 1,994 boarders. These men temporarily deposited with the Superintendent, \$28, 247, of which amount, \$14,809 were sent to relatives and friends, \$2,776 were placed to their credit in the Savings Banks, and the balance returned to the depositors.

"The whole number of boarders since the Home was established, in 1842, is 95,194.

"Relief has frequently been furnished to shipwrecked and destitute seamen. Some discharged from the hospitals as incurable, and some permanently disabled from accident or other causes, have here been provided with transportation to their friends, or assisted in their applications for admittance to the Sailor's Snug Harbor. Many also have found at the Home, not only physical comfort, but the forgiveness of sin, and spiritual life and peace.

"Family worship, (with a Wednesday and Saturday evening prayer-meeting, and other occasional services,) has been regularly maintained in the chapel of the institution, and the resident Missionary has been allowed to see his labors signally approved.

"The much needed and long talked of remodeling, enlargement and virtual rebuilding of the SAILORS' HOME, has, after careful deliberation, been undertaken. and the work, involving a large expenditure, is now in the hands of contractors. Special donations to that object, and also for the re-furnishing of the Home, will be gladly received. Safe and comfortable temporary accommodations for seamen are provided at 111 Monroe street, between Pike and Rutgers streets."

Copenhagen, Denmark.

REMARKABLE TESTIMONY—REVIVAL WORK
—RETROSPECTIVE—CHRISTMAS
FESTIVITIES, ETC.

A very noteworthy letter from Rev. Mr. WOLLESON, our chaplain, was received at our Rooms, January 23rd. We quote:—

"It is with deep emotion and gratitude that I can speak of our mission work here as a blessed and prosperous undertaking, which God has been pleased to honor in many respects, especially in the conversion of a large number of

Scandinavian sailors as to many of whom I can speak positively, and some few Englishmen, Germans, and one sailor from Berbice, South America. These have been led to "behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that they should be called the sons of God."

Rev. Pastor PRIOR (Lutheran minister in C.) writes in a monthly paper just issued, named *The Harbor*, (Harnen) and says in touching language of acknowledgment and gratitude, 'As we go to work in the Seamen's Mission, we receive it as a holy inheritance from fellow workers with God from far off lands (the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY). Their work in our city has been a blessing to many seamen and to the whole church. We appreciate it very highly that this Society has enabled one to work on, here, who is a proficient in Seamen's Missionary work.'

"In my letter to Mr. BORELLA (see SAILORS' MAGAZINE, December, 1879, p. 370) I stated that from April 1st my private apartments would be added to the mission until we could get a larger place. The desired larger apartments we have now obtained and we are occupying No. 17 Holbergsgade. There are two large rooms and a smaller one. We can have service in three languages at once, (which we had last night in Danish, English, and German) but as a general thing it is the largest room which we use to preach in. The other large room is used as an inquiry room, the third as a work room for the ladies. The rent of this place is 900 fr. which will be paid by my friends here. We had services here the first time on the 13th of December, when Mr. RADCLIFFE from Liverpool preached, and to the honor and glory of God and as an encouragement to us the workers in the new place I can say that one soul was born anew.

"The past has been a year of work, but God Almighty has in a rich measure blessed our efforts. The laborers here have been but few, but the Lord of the

harvest has sent us devoted helpers from other lands and the Seamen's cause has been especially benefited. Lord RADSTOCK from London, and Mr. and Mrs. RADCLIFFE from Liverpool, have done much in stirring up Christians to a sense of their duty. Mr. and Mrs. BERGER from Sweden, excellent Christian people, came here in the Spring and started the Bag Mission of which Miss RORBGE is the Principal. During the Summer and Autumn they visited Odense, Svendborg, Rudkjobing and Horsens, working with zeal to get ladies interested in the Bag Mission. And in mentioning these I must not neglect to speak of our beloved brother Borella's visit to Denmark, which also is a token of God's love. Though his visit was short I can safely say that much was accomplished to the honor and glory of God and to the prosperity of our Mission.

"On the 30th December the ladies interested in our work gave a Christmas festival. There were more than one hundred and twenty sailors present that evening. The Mission rooms were handsomely ornamented and dressed with flags representing America, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The Christmas tree was beautifully dressed, and we had a little present for each. A loving Christian lady (widow of a sea captain) had, together with other ladies, knitted stockings, woollen shirts, scarfs, wrist muffs, and other useful articles which were all given to sailors. Rev. Pastor Prior made a short speech. Then the candles were lit and we all went in procession around the tree singing some of our choicest Christmas hymns. After the procession the ladies served out chocolate and cake. A bookmark, with inscription, was given to each one present, and a Testament was presented to all who had none. A couple of bushels of apples were distributed and there was no lack of any good thing. We beheld none but happy faces and heard many utterances and expressions of joy.

"In making this brief statement of our Mission, here, I give praise to the Lord and render my sincere gratitude to the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the founder of this blessed work. With a bright prospect do I hope for the future. I pray that God will come upon us and baptize us with His Holy Spirit that we may be instruments in our loving Father's hand to bring many to the Cross of Christ. I most sincerely plead for an interest in the prayers of the people of God.

"I have visited more than 3,500 vessels of different nationalities, among them have been 3 American, 1 English, and 7 Russian men-of-war. A goodly number of tracts and other religious papers have been distributed, and sailors have been provided with the word of God in their own language, for which I thank the American Bible Society (in New York) very cordially. For the encouragement of that Society I can state that this Autumn is the first time I have received a free grant of Bibles and Testaments to our seamen from the Danish Bible House in Copenhagen. Sailor boarding houses have been visited two or three times a week and hospitals once a week. Then I have spent as much of my time as possible in the Mission conversing and helping sailors both spiritually and temporally. Divine service has been held four or five times weekly, and my loving Savior has given me grace to tell the story of the Cross both in private and public."

Portland, Oregon.

GOOD NEWS WITH THE OPENING YEAR—A
HELPER FROM THE FORECASTLE, WHO
WAS CONVERTED AT THE BETHEL—
WORK BLESSED OF GOD.

Chaplain STUBBS, in a communication dated January 2nd, says:—

Our Sabbath and week-day meetings have been well attended, and have proven

seasons of gracious refreshing to our hearts. Quite a number of seamen have risen for prayers, and have been led to the Savior, so far as to turn from their sins and to endeavor to believe the truth as it is in Christ.

Some cases are marked with peculiar interest. I will mention one especially, because it has resulted in raising up a Helper, for us, from the Forecastle, converted in the Bethel.

He is a young man twenty-five years of age. He is from Glasgow. His name is JOHN MCNEILL, and he has been to sea about eight years, mostly in "deep water" ships. He heard of our Bethel from a Brother Rogers, who has been assisting me in my work of visiting the ships on Sabbath mornings, distributing tracts and papers, and inviting the men to the churches, the Y. M. C. A., and the Bethel meetings. On Sabbath, December 14th, in the evening, he attended the Bethel preaching services, and there heard the message from the chaplain's lips which it pleased God to make the means of his thorough awakening, and remarkable conversion, while in the attitude of prayer at the close of the discourse.

Concerning this gracious experience his language is as follows:—"Before I rose from my knees I was certain Christ had died for me; the sense of guilt was removed from my heart entirely, and I had peace with God. Since then I have had a discovery of my own nothingness, as never before; also my own sinfulness, and inability of myself to do anything acceptable to God." Mrs. Stubbs and I were so impressed with the humility and earnestness of Bro. McNeill that we especially urged him to fidelity, believing that God might open to him a field of usefulness.

His vessel, the *David Law*, sailed from Portland to complete her lading at Astoria, before we matured any arrangement with Capt. Allan, only that he promised,—if I would get him as good a

man as John to fill John's place in the forecastle, and John would relinquish so much of his wages as would make up the difference in the wages the ship would have to pay to a hand shipped in Portland for Europe,—to release John.

After about ten days of deliberation and prayer to God for His will to be done, and earnestly desiring to be guided, it became necessary to act, as the ship had completed her cargo,—so I took the 'Frisco steamer and reached Astoria, at 7-30, p. m., on Saturday, but the *David Law* had just tripped her anchor, and was steaming away for the outer roads, to anchor at Fort Stevens.

I obtained a sailor, and his bag and baggage, and engaged two men to row me down about ten miles, and reached the vessel at dark. Hastening into the cabin, I told Capt. Allan that I had traveled over a hundred miles to get my man, and had a sailor in the boat alongside, ready to sign articles. The captain had John called aft and consulted. At first, John was overwhelmed at the bare thought of becoming a missionary; he shrank back, and thought he must make his return passage to Europe, and be a witness for his Lord in the forecastle, and suffer whatever might come upon him, and "endure the much deserved chastisement which God might visit upon him to humble my (his) proud spirit."

I reasoned with him that humility was a product of divine grace, and that God's grace is sufficient for us each, if we trust to the Giver of grace. Brother McNeill then thought he must go home to see his parents, and that he would endeavor to return to Portland next year. Finally this objection gave place to the call to immediate compliance, and Brother McNeill received his discharge, and sacrificed all his earnings of the voyage, about £12, sterling, and went on shore with me, to work in the Lord's vineyard, with not a cent in the world. A snow storm and gale of wind detained us until 3 p. m. the day following—the Lord's

day—I therefore held services in the forecastle of the *David Law*, and had a precious time. On our way up to Astoria, from Fort Stevens, we passed the bark *Carnegie*, Capt. NESBITT; I called alongside; jumped on deck, and, not finding anyone stirring, I entered the cabin, and found, to my great joy, that Capt. Nesbit was holding a service. He insisted that I should offer one more prayer. I did so, and I learned that it was the second service he had held that day on board his vessel.

He made a contribution to aid me to defray the expenses of reaching Fort Stevens, and then we took a tender and affecting farewell of one of God's good Christian shipmasters.

Next morning we started for Portland, and arrived in time to escape the ice with which the Columbia river was gorged on the day following. I took Brother McNeill into my family, and he lives with me, and thus far is working faithfully and reverently. His coming seems to me to be very opportune, for I was beginning to break with overwork and care. Oh how truly good our Adorable Lord is unto us! Praise his holy name forever.

Our meetings at the Bethel, Sabbath evenings and week evenings, are truly precious seasons of interest, scarcely a single meeting but that some one or more,—seamen or landsmen,—gives expression to a desire for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Oh how overwhelmed my poor heart is in view of the goodness and faithfulness of God to me, and to my work, and to my household.

About three weeks since we were organized into a Good Templar Lodge by Special Deputy of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the World, Brother W. Simpson,—a seamen on board the bark *Carnegie*. He has since left us, for Liverpool in that vessel. He is from Bath, England. For two years we have felt the need of this means of usefulness among seamen belonging to Good Tem-

plar Lodges under this jurisdiction—they (the seamen) being refused admission into Lodges of the American Order. The coming of Brother Simpson was entirely unlooked for, and when discovered, was a fact over which we rejoiced. We hope to do a good work of temperance reform through this organization, especially among the people to whom I have been sent,—**MY BROTHERS OF THE SEA.**

I now close, and in doing so ask to be especially remembered by the dear people of the Lord, that I may have grace to be faithful until death; and that I may have great wisdom in my Bethel relations and opportunities.

Yours, &c.,

R. S. S.

Marine Disasters in December, 1879.

The number of vessels belonging to, or bound to or from ports in the United States, reported totally lost and missing during the month, was 56, of which 33 were wrecked, 11 abandoned, 2 burned, 1 sunk by collision, 4 foundered, and 5 are missing. The list comprises 2 steamers, 8 ships, 15 barks, 9 brigs, and 22 schooners, and their total value, exclusive of cargoes, is estimated at \$1,228,000.

Below is the list, giving names, ports, destinations, &c. Those indicated by a *w* were wrecked, *a* abandoned, *b* burned, *s c* sunk by collision, *f* foundered, and *m* missing.

STEAMERS.

Borussia, *a*. from Liverpool for New Orleans.
Kensington, *m*. from Liverpool for N. Orleans.

SHIPS.

Kurrachee, *a*. from New York for Anjier.
Tyro, *a*. from Philadelphia for Bremen.
Rayenea Padre, *a*. from Philadelphia for Genoa.
Jacob Trumpy, *w*. from Hamburg for N. York.
Theo. H. Allen, *a*. from New York for San Francisco.

Peruvian, *a*. from Dublin for Philadelphia.

Leda, *w*. from New York for Bremen.

Alex. McKenzie, *w*. from N. York for Antwerp.

BARKS.

Dagny, *w*. from New York for Sables d'Olonne.
Mary Anne, *w*. from Troon for Boston.

Sunbeam, *w*. from Brunswick, Ga., for Rio Janeiro.

Anna Jaspersen, *w*. from New York for Dedeagatch.

Olivo, *a*. from New York for Gibraltar.

Eugenie Leonie, *w*. from Dunkirk for Philadelphia.

Mercurius, *w*. from Hamburg for Wilmington, N. C.

Warren Hastings, *a*. from Lisbon for Delaware Breakwater.

Invincible, *a*. from Pensacola for Marseilles.

Iwalo, *w*. from Jacobstadt for Boston.

Henry A. Paul, *w*. from Port Elizabeth for Tristan d'Acunha.
Sophia, *a*. from New York for Queenstown.
W. H. Thorndike, *w*. from Port Johnson for Boston
Stabbestad, *w*. from St. Thomas for Galveston.
Janet, *a*. (Whaler,) of New Bedford.

BRIGS.

Adele McLoon, *w*. (At Aspinwall.)
Julia F. Carney, *b*. (At Loando, W. C. A.)
E. H. Rich, *w*. (At Aspinwall.)
Isis, *w*. from Navassa for Wilmington, N. C.
Francesco Deak, *f*. from Glasgow for Philadelphia.
Open Sea, *w*. from New York for Providence.
Maggie, *f*. from Charleston for Aberdeen.
Black Swan *w*. from Miragoane for Boston.
Arcangelo Gabriele, *w*. from Rio Janeiro for New York.

SCHOONERS.

N. H. Phillips, *m*. (Fisherman,) of Gloucester, Mass.
Andrew Leighton, *m*. (Fisherman,) of Gloucester, Mass.
Hannah Willets, *s c*. from Port Johnson for Providence.
M. & E. Henderson, *w*. from Bull River for Baltimore.
Louisa, *m*. from Combahee for Charleston.
E. M. Russell, *w*. from Canso, N. S. for Boston.
Milwaukee, *w*. from Boston for Millbridge.
Artie Garwood, *w*. from Philadelphia for Boston.
Sunrise, *w*. from New York for Rio Hacha.
Winnie Weston, *w*. (Fisherman) of Portland, Me.
Excelsior, *f*. from Perth Amboy for Clinton, Ct.
Trellis, *w*. from Providence for St. John, N. B.
Whitney Long, *w*. from New York for Port Royal, S. C.
Brookville, *w*. from Canning, N. S., for New York.
T. J. Trafton, *f*. from New York for Boston.
N. Noyes, *w*. from Charlottetown for N. York.
H. C. Macky, *m*. (Fisherman) of Gloucester, Mass.
Emerald, *w*. from Lucea, Ja. for Mobile.
Vesper, *b*. from New York for Nuevitas.
Mary D. Pomeroy, *w*. from Crescent City for San Francisco.
Enoch Moore, *w*. from Mobile for Cienfuegos.
Annie Cotter, *w*. from Port de Paix for New York.

The *Bureau Veritas* publishes the following statistics of vessels of all nationalities reported lost during the month of

NOVEMBER, 1879.

Sailing Vessels:—43 English, 17 German, 12 American, 12 French, 11 Norwegian, 9 Dutch, 7 Swedish, 6 Danish, 4 Italian, 2 Greek, 2 Portuguese, 1 Austrian, 4 of which the nationality is unknown; total: 180.

Steamers:—13 English, 2 Spanish, 1 German, 1 American, 1 Dutch; total: 18. In this number are included 2 steamers reported missing.

Receipts for December, 1879.

MAINE.

Bucksport Elm Street Cong. church..	\$ 27 65
Kennebunk, H. G. C. Durrell....	2 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord, North church S. S. for lib'y.	20 00
Great Falls, Cong. church.....	7 50
Greenland, Cong. church.....	13 00
Hamstead, Cong. church	8 50

Hampton, Cong. church.....	8 77	Stonington, Mrs. Jerusha Pomeroy....	5 00
Free Bap. church.....	3 72	Thomaston Cong. church.....	17 76
Hinsdale, Cong. church.....	7 52	Thompson, Cong. church.....	8 46
Hopkinton, Rev. Dan'l Sawyer.....	1 00	Warren, Cong. church.....	13 00
Manchester, 1st Cong. church.....	27 80	West Hartford, Cong. church add'l....	2 00
Pelham, Cong. church.....	22 68	West Meriden, 1st Cong. church.....	33 03
Ridge, Col. Jason B. Perry.....	1 00	Willington, Friends.....	3 00
Sanbornton, Cong. church.....	13 00	A Sailor's sister.....	5 00
Troy. Trin. Cong. church.....	6 50	Windsor, Cong. church, of wh. S. S. \$12	37 00
Winchester, Cong. church.....	6 12		
 VERMONT.			
Springfield Cong. S. S., for library....	20 00	Brentwood, E. F. Richardson.....	2 00
 MASSACHUSETTS.		Coxsackie, Rev. M. Lusk.....	5 00
Attleboro, 2nd Cong. church, of wh. S. S., for library. \$20.....	73 39	Danville, Pres. ch. S. S., for library....	20 00
Auburndale, W. A. Little's S. S. class, (Boys).....	2 00	Geneseo, Mrs. B. Ayrault L. M.....	1 00
Beverly, Dane Street church.....	45 81	Gravesend, Mr. John J. Lake.....	5 00
Cong. church.....	15 00	Hamilton, Bap. church.....	18 47
Boston, Bark Boynton, Capt. Nason. Bark Shetland, Capt. Haskell.....	8 00	Cong. church.....	8 00
Schr. Jourdan, Capt. St. John.....	1 00	Ithaca, Pres. church, add'l.....	8 00
Schr. Ella M. Stone, Capt. Wade.....	1 00	Kinderhook, Ref. Dutch church.....	35 57
Schr. Kate Wentworth, Capt. Cox. Schr. A. H. Edwards, Capt. Dottidge.....	1 00	Lockport, 1st Pres. church.....	60 31
Easthampton, Payson Cong. church.....	1 00	Moriches, Glorianna Fanning, Memorial Library for Mary S. Fanning....	20 00
Haverhill, Friends for tracts.....	44 30	Naples, S. S. Pres. church, for library, of wh. \$1, from Infant class....	20 00
Holden, Cong. church.....	8 00	New York City, Frederick A. Libbey, for libraries.....	100 00
Ipswich, 1st church and Society, add'l	7 41	Mrs. G. B. Grinnell, for libraries....	100 00
Lenox, Cong. church.....	1 88	Wm. Libbey, Jr., for libraries.....	60 00
Leominster Cong. church.....	25 00	Joseph W. Alsop.....	50 00
Littleton Orthodox church.....	22 14	Frederick Sturges.....	50 00
Lowell, John Street church.....	5 30	J. A. Roosevelt.....	30 00
Emily Rogers, for Memorial Library.	30 75	Tiffany & Co.....	25 00
Lynn, 1st. church.....	20 00	David Dow.....	25 00
Central church.....	7 09	William Oothout.....	25 00
Newburyport, Bellville church, of wh. \$30, by Joshua Hale, to const. Cyrus K. Hale L. M.....	5 75	Wm. H. Fogg.....	20 00
Newton, Stephen Moore, for library....	64 38	Edward Austen.....	20 00
Newtonville, Central church.....	20 00	W. R. Powell.....	10 00
North Abington, Cong. church.....	12 61	Cash, C.....	10 00
North Amherst, Mrs. Kellogg's S. S. class.....	5 69	A. F. Warburton.....	10 00
North Weymouth, Cong. church.....	10 00	John Zitlisen.....	5 00
South Hadley Falls, Cong. church.....	11 16	James Cassidy.....	1 00
Springfield, Memorial church.....	8 09	F. M. Plummer, 2nd mate ship <i>Dauntless</i> , officers and crew.....	30 00
Sterling, A Friend.....	17 18	Capt. A. Doane, officers and crew, bark <i>Jonathan Bourne</i>	16 70
Sturbridge legacy of M. A. Bullock, per Rev. M. L. Richardson, for lib'y.....	1 00	North Granville, Miss A. A. Carr. L. M.	1 00
Warren Cong. S. S., for library.....	20 00	Ontario, James Whittleton, Sr.....	5 00
Watertown, Cong. church.....	20 00	Plattsburgh, a Friend, for library.....	20 00
West Medway, Cong. church, for lib'y.....	13 00	Sag Harbor, George Bassett.....	1 00
West Warren.....	20 00	Southampton, L. I., Mrs. S. Hodder, for library.....	20 00
Weymouth, Herman F. Vickery.....	2 05	Friend by Mrs. S. H. Bennett.....	2 00
Winchendon, N. church.....	5 00	Tarrytown, Edward B. Cobb, to const. Capt. Geo. S. Brewster of Stonington, Conn., L. M.....	30 00
 RHODE ISLAND.		Throopsville, S. S. Bap. church, bal. for library.....	5 00
Providence, Mrs. H. Nickerson, L. M..	1 00	Troy, S. S. 1st. Pres. church, for A. De F. Gale Memorial Library.....	20 00
 CONNECTICUT.		Mary Floyd and Margaret Cushman, ea. \$1.....	2 00
Berlin 2nd Cong. church.....	8 04	An Unknown Friend.....	2 00
Birmingham, Cong. church of wh. to const. Mr. Wm. E. Downs L. M., and for libraries, \$60	73 33	 NEW JERSEY.	
Black Rock Cong. church.....	15 00	Cape May Point, a Friend, to const. Chas. M. Springer L. M.....	30 00
Clinton, Mrs. M. Griffing.....	1 00	Franklinville, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, for library.....	20 00
East Woodstock, Cong. church.....	6 91	Newark 2nd Pres. church, add'l....	7 98
Enfield Memorial Library for Miss Caroline Lusk, by her sisters.....	20 00	Orange, 2nd Pres. church.....	34 50
Fair Haven, 1st Cong. church.....	22 46	 PENNSYLVANIA.	
Lebanon, Cong. ch., Goshen Parish.....	6 00	Allentown, Rev. J. W. Wood.....	1 00
New London, 1st Cong. church.....	15 32	 IOWA.	
North Haven, Cong. church.....	34 37	Lewis, Rev. Chas. Little.....	3 00
North Manchester, Rev. N. J. Squires, Norwich, 2nd Cong. church	1 00	 MINNESOTA.	
1st Cong. church.....	48 04	East Castle Rock. Conrad Stegner....	5 00
Old Lyme, Cong. church.....	40 00		
Rocky Hill, S. S. Cong. ch., for lib'y....	12 66		
Stamford, Mrs. Seymour Hoyt.....	20 00		
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Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.—Ecc. II: 1.

Bearing The Cross.

Nearly seven hundred years ago, on a cold rainy evening, five persons stood together in a little room in one of the poorest streets of the city of Cologne. There were four men and a little girl. It was plain they were hiding, for chilly as it was, they dared not light a fire. At last the bitter cold was more than they could bear, so they ventured to make a small fire. They had scarcely begun to warm themselves, when soldiers burst in and seized them all. They were taken to prison, and soon brought before the judges. Then it was found that their only crime was that they worshipped God, and would not pray to the Virgin Mary or the saints. They were condemned to be burnt to death; but a pardon was offered them if they would forsake Christ. Three of the men answered at once they could die, but they could not be unfaithful to their Lord. The fourth, named Robert, hesitated; he was the father of the little girl, Arlette, and her mother had not been dead many weeks. But soon he decided like the rest. The judges coaxed and threatened Arlette. They told her they could not save her from being burnt alive, unless she promised to leave her father's reli-

gion. She answered steadily, "I cannot forsake the faith." In less than a week, the five were led out to the place of execution. The four men were tied each to a stake, and fagots heaped around them. They placed Arlette against a stake, but did not tie her. Then they set fire to the fagots, and some kind-hearted man pulled the little girl away, and said he would save her from the dreadful death, and bring her up not to serve her father's God. "I cannot forsake the faith," said Arlette again. And before they could stop her, she had run to her father and caught hold of his hand. In a few moments, Robert and Arlette were in heaven together.

You and I may be thankful that we have not to bear a cross like Arlette; but we can love the Savior as well as she did, and be as firm as she was in refusing to do anything that will grieve Him.
—*Early Days.*

Pluck.

Sam was the eldest son of a Welsh family who owned and worked a small hill farm in central Ohio—then a new country, almost, and spoken of by East-

ern people as the West, though it is a long way from the West of to-day, whatever it may have been in 1835 or thereabouts.

Sam, like many another boy in that country and in those days, longed for an education; and the progress he had made, surrounded as he was with difficulties, gave evidence of this prominent desire as one of the characteristics of his life, which the incident I am about to relate fully proves.

A great drawback troubled him, and this was the want of suitable shoes; for, as yet, he had never been the owner of a pair of shoes that really protected his feet from frost and snow, having only fallen heir to his father's old ones, well worn at that. Now, however, as he saw the year go slipping by, and the period drawing near when boyhood and youth would be passed, and he would be expected to take up the responsibilities of manhood, he made up his mind that the coming winter's school should find him on hand early and late, with a determination to make such progress as he had never made before; and to this end he managed to carry to market, by extra work, sufficient tan bark to buy for himself leather for a pair of shoes, and the neighborhood shoemaker had been promising their completion now for weeks. Either from a press of work, or for fear Sam might not prove as prompt a paymaster as some others of his customers, the time for the commencement of the usual three months' term came on and the shoemaker's promise was yet unfulfilled, and Sam did not put in his appearance at the school-house. Two weeks of weary waiting had passed, and for want of his shoes Sam had not commenced his attendance at school. The morning of the third Monday, Sam came into his breakfast with a piece of board about twelve by eighteen inches, and a couple of inches thick, and putting it down as close to the fire as he could and not burn it, he answered the inquiring look of his mother with the declaration,

"I am going to school."

"Without your shoes?"

"Yes; shoes or no shoes, I am going to school, mother;" and he explained the proposed use of the board. Having eaten his breakfast and gathered up his scanty supply of books, he took his hot board under his jacket and started for the school house, a mile or more distant. Half way between his house and the school house, was the house of a neighbor, where Sam knew he would be welcome to halt and warm his bare feet and reheat his board.

So at good round double-quick, he was off, and when half to this neighbor's he halted, and putting his board on the ground, stood on it till his benumbed feet were warm and limbered up for another run, when he took up his board and made the second stage to neighbor Jones's. Here he warmed his feet and board, and repeated the samefeat to reach the school-house.

When the boys saw him come up with his board under his arm, and understood its use, they greeted him with a little good-natured chaff on his improved mode of travel, and the saving of shoe leather; but there was too much genuine admiration for his pluck to allow any show of undue mirth at his expense, while the master was filled with pleasure at his appearance, and the spirit with which he came to school.

Whether the shoemaker saw in this the promise of pay for his work, or was moved by admiration of the plan for doing without shoes, I can't say; but Sam got his shoes, and was able to bid defiance to the weather for the rest of the winter.

The boy was but the blossom of the man, and he grew up to take his place as one of the leading men of his country.

"I LOVE THEM THAT LOVE ME, AND THOSE THAT SEEK ME EARLY SHALL FIND ME."—PROV. VIII. 17.

Loan Library Reports.

The whole number of new Loan Libraries sent to sea from the Rooms of the American Seamen's Friend Society at New York and at Boston, Mass., from 1858-9, to January 1st, 1880, was 6,729; and the reshipments of the same for the same period were 6,602. The number of volumes in these libraries was 373,988, and they were accessible to 260,379 men.—Nine hundred and eight libraries, with 32,688 volumes were placed upon vessels in the United States Navy, and in Naval Hospitals, and were accessible to 103,604 men.—One hundred libraries were placed in one hundred Stations of the United States Life Saving Service, containing 3,600 volumes, accessible to nine hundred Keepers and surfmen.

During December, 1879, seventy-two loan libraries,—thirty-four new, and thirty-eight refitted, were sent to sea from our Rooms at New York and Boston. The new libraries were Nos. 6,772 to 6,796 inclusive, at New York; and Nos. 5,401-5 409, inclusive, at Boston.

The thirty-eight libraries re-shipped were :—

No. 512,	No. 3 932,	No. 4,685,	No. 5 128,	No. 5,862,	No. 6,017,	No. 6,371,	No. 6,577,
" 1,937,	" 4,268,	" 5,025,	" 5,168,	" 5,888,	" 6,181,	" 6,407,	" 6,664,
" 2,194,	" 4,396,	" 5,030,	" 5,403,	" 5,953,	" 6,155,	" 6,468,	" 6,690,
" 2,888,	" 4,552,	" 5,031,	" 6,563,	" 5,974,	" 6,180,	" 6,483,	
" 3,727,	" 4,640,	" 5,076,	" 5,837,	" 5,978,	" 6,243,	" 6,522,	

The Grasshopper and its Tale.

Whenever I go to London I always stand at the corner of the Bank of England for a minute or two, watching the crowd of busy men hurrying everywhere. What thousands of cares they carry! How many anxieties! Then I look at the Royal Exchange. It is pleasant to see the London sparrows, though they are a little black and grimy, chirping on the massive cornices, and free and happy as possible, above the din and awful hurry of the great city. They have no cares, no anxieties. They seem to know what the great letters mean, which are cut in the stones on which they hop. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." God keeps the sparrows, and they are happy. I wish the busy city men would watch the sparrows, and read the great city text.

But the sparrows and the text are not the most attractive things about the Exchange, and I am sure if you look at it you would think as I do—that the weathercock is the most singular and curious thing about the building. It is not like any other weathercock in England, or I

should think in the world; for there, twisting on the pinnacle of the spire, is a monster grasshopper; and I'll tell you how it came to be there.

About three hundred and fifty years ago, a woman with a little baby in her arms was trudging along a country lane. Presently, after looking to see that no one was watching her, she climbed over a gate into the field, and wrapping the baby in its little shawl, she laid it down in the grass, so gently as not to awake it, and then, never even looking behind her, she climbed over the gate again into the lane, and went on her journey.

The baby soon awoke, and began to cry; and it cried for a long, long time. And at last, tired and hungry, and hot, with the sun, for it was a fine summer's day, it was wearied out, and dropped off to sleep again. "But God had heard the voice of the lad," and see how simply he brought help for the little one.

By and by, down the lane came a school boy; he was whistling away, as happy as ever he could be. He had come out of school and was going home. He lived at the farmhouse a little way further up the lane. Now he gathered up a few prim-

roses, now he scampered after a butterfly, now he had a shy at a bird; but just as he came to the gate over which the woman had climbed, he heard a grasshopper chipping away so loudly, that he sprang over the gate to catch him; and there was the baby fast asleep! Far more pleased than if he had caught a hundred grasshoppers, the boy took up the little fellow, and ran home with his prize. The kind farmer's wife, although she had many of her own, at once determined to keep the little orphan who had been saved from death by a grasshopper.

Years passed away and the baby became a strong boy; the boy grew to be a man; he went to London and became a merchant. God blessed all he did, and he rose to be the most noted man in the city. Queen Elizabeth was then on the throne, and often did she send for Sir Thomas Gresham, for the little deserted boy had become a knight, to consult him on the great affairs of State.

Just three hundred years ago Sir Thomas Gresham founded the Exchange. The Queen came to dine with him, and to lay the first stone; and there, upon the topmost pinnacle, Sir Thomas placed a grasshopper; and there it is to-day, to tell the busy, toiling city, and to tell you and me, when we go to see the city, that Almighty God will hear the infant's cry, and can save a valuable life by even such a little thing as a grasshopper.

So it was that "God heard the voice of the lad."—*Presbyterian.*

A Boy's Last Hymn in a Garret.

BY JOHN B. GOUGH.

A friend of mine, seeking for objects of charity, got into the upper room of a tenement-house. It was vacant. He saw a ladder pushed through the ceiling. Thinking that perhaps some poor creature had crept up there, he climbed the ladder, drew himself through the hole, and found himself under the rafters. There was no light but that which came through a bull's eye in place of a tile. Soon he saw a heap of chips and shavings, and on them a boy about ten years old.

"Boy, what are you doing here?"
"Hush! don't tell anybody, please, sir."

"What are you doing here?"
"Hush! please don't tell anybody, sir, I'm a-hiding."

"What are you hiding from?"
"Don't tell anybody, please, sir."

"Where's your mother?"
"Please, sir, mother's dead."

"Where's your father?"

"Hush! don't tell him, don't tell him! but look here!" He turned himself on his face, and through the rags of his jacket and shirt my friend saw that the boy's flesh was bruised and his skin was broken.

"Why, my boy, who beat you like that?"

"Father did, sir!"

"What did he beat you like that for?"

"Father got drunk, sir, and beat me 'cos I wouldn't steal!"

"Did you ever steal?"

"Yes, sir, I was a street thief once!"

"And why don't you steal any more?"

"Please, sir, I went to the mission school, and they told me there of God, and of heaven, and of Jesus; and they taught me 'Thou shalt not steal,' and I'll never steal again if my father kills me for it. But please, sir, don't tell him."

"My boy, you must not stay here; you'll die. Now, you wait patiently here for a little time; I'm going away to see a lady. We will get a better place for you than this."

"Thank you, sir; but please, sir, would you like to hear me sing a little hymn?"

Bruised, battered, forlorn, friendless, motherless, hiding away from an infuriated father, he had a little hymn to sing!

"Yes. I will hear you sing your little hymn."

He raised himself on his elbow and then sang:—

"Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child;
Pity my simplicity,
Suffer me to come to thee."

Fain I would to thee be brought,
Gracious Lord, forbid it not,
In the kingdom of thy grace
Give a little child a place."

"That's the little hymn, sir; goodbye."

The gentleman went away, came back again in less than two hours, and climbed the ladder. There were the chips, and there were the shavings; and there was the boy, with one hand by his side, and the other tucked in his bosom underneath the little ragged shirt—dead.

London Christian.

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